SIX ARRESTED IN ATTACK ON LITHUANIAN AMBASSADOR

VILNIUS, Aug 08, BNS - Police on Tuesday arrested six people suspected of attacking the Lithuanian ambassador to Belarus and robbing him of his office car.

Sarūnas Skapčevičius, head of the Interior Ministry's information office, told BNS that the suspects are all aged between 20 and 25. Four of the arrestees are Vilnius residents, one comes from Kaunas and one is a Ukrainian citizen, Skapcevicius said. During the arrest, police seized weapons, ammunition, police uniforms, masks and handcuffs.

Ambassador Viktoras Baublys was robbed of his car and about 1000 litas on July 22 at his summer cottage near Vilnius. The diplomat was attacked by three Russian-speaking men, armed with pistols and a dagger.

SPILLED MERCURY FOUND IN LITHUANIAN POLICE STATION

SIAULIAI, Aug 09, BNS - Spilled mercury was found on Tuesday in a police station in Lithuanian provincial town Radviliskis, officials said. It turned out that the poisonous substance was in the station since spring, but the staff found it only now, tidying the premises. There was no immediate information on how much mercury vapor had contaminated the environment. Firefighters armed with special equipment were called to the scene from the city of Šiauliai to measure the level of contamination and pick up the mercury. Police, environmental workers and Radviliskis hygiene center staff were also called in.